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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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Method and Apparatus for Maintaining Synchronization in a Communication System

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$540.00 to cover: Notice of Appeal:
- 2. Notice of Appeal From The Examiner To The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (PTO/SB/31);
- 3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (PTO/SB/33); and
- 4. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

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Respectfully submitted,

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